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The **COMMITTEE** to whom were referred a **LETTER** from **BARON DE STEUBEN**, dated New-York, February, 5, 1785, beg leave to submit the following **REPORT**.

YOUR committee find a report of a committee of Congress, entered on the journal of December 30th, 1782, in the following words, viz. "That the baron de Steuben, was in Europe possessed of respectable military rank, and different posts of honor and emolument, which he relinquished to come to America, and offer his services at a critical period of the war, and without any previous stipulations—that on his arrival he actually engaged in the army in a very disinterested manner, and without compensations similar to those which had been made to several other foreign officers; that under singular difficulties and embarrassments in the department in which he has been employed, he has rendered very important and substantial services, by introducing into the army a regular formation and exact discipline, and by establishing a spirit of order and oeconomy in the interior administration of the regiments, which, besides other advantages, have been productive of immense savings to the United States; that in the commands in which he has been employed, he has upon all occasions conducted himself like a brave and experienced officer. The committee are therefore of opinion, that the sacrifices and services of the baron de Steuben, justly entitle him to the distinguished notice of Congress, and to a generous compensation, whenever the situation of public affairs will admit." With which report your committee entirely agree, and thereupon recommend to Congress the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the board of treasury, pay to baron de Steuben, late major general and inspector general in the armies of the United States, the amount

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of two several liquidated debts due to him from the United States, one of which was due March 21st, 1782, being 6000 dollars; the other June 10th, 1784, being 1826.53-90 dollars, together with the interest thereon at the time of payment.

RESOLVED, That in consideration of the baron de Steuben's having relinquished different posts of honor and emolument in Europe, and rendered to the United States most essential services, he be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the United States, the sum of